

**OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
NOTICE – PROPOSED PERMIT**

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) gives notice of the opportunity for interested persons to review a proposed Solid Waste permit prepared by the DEQ and request an administrative hearing. If no request is timely made, the proposed permit will become final.

**Application type/applicant:** The proposed permit is based on a Tier III application filed by OK Medical Waste Disposal, LLC, PO Box 1833, Tulsa, OK 74101.

**Facility Location:** The proposed new facility is located at 475 Neil Boulevard, Harrah, OK 73045, in Oklahoma County, in the Harrah Industrial Park.

**Activities to be regulated if permit is made final:** If the permit is made final, OK Medical Waste Disposal will construct, operate, and maintain an approximately 10,000 square-foot facility on five acres described in the legal description below with driveways, parking, and aesthetically-pleasing landscaping. All storage and processing of untreated wastes will occur entirely within the processing building. The activities to be regulated if the permit is made final include the sterilization and shredding of regulated medical waste and other types of non-hazardous industrial waste as defined by 27A O.S. § 2-10-103 to include outdated, off-specification, or mislabeled over-the-counter medicines which are not hazardous in accordance with 40 CFR § 261, Subparts C or D, other non-hazardous pharmaceutical waste, medical records or other NHIW that requires the destruction of any personally identifiable information by shredding, as well as, medical marijuana waste as defined by 63 O.S. § 428.1, in addition to roots, stems, stalks and fan leaves, and seeds. With the exception of the regulated medical waste, the foregoing types of waste require a variance to OAC 252-515-23-31(b) which states that only regulated medical waste shall be accepted at a regulated medical waste processing facility. The variance is requested because the treatment process used by Oklahoma Medical Waste Disposal is also suitable for treating types of waste for which the variance is requested because of the complete and total shredding of personally identifiable information and for medical marijuana waste because the shredding, mixing, and steam sterilization process acts as a low-temperature incinerator alternative that renders the medical marijuana waste unrecognizable and unsuitable for use. Should the facility be closed at some time in the future, OK Medical Waste Disposal will follow the Closure Plan as submitted in the application.

**Background:** The DEQ prepared the proposed permit after it reviewed the application for compliance with the Solid Waste Management Act, Title 27A of the Oklahoma Statutes, Section 2-10-101, *et seq.* and the rules of the DEQ, Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC), Title 252, Chapters 4 and 515, prepared a draft permit and reviewed public comments received on the application and draft permit.

**An administrative hearing is:** an evidentiary individual proceeding held at the DEQ's office by an administrative law judge in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act (Oklahoma Statutes, Title 75, Article II, Section 308a, *et seq.*) and DEQ procedures (OAC, Title 252, Chapter 4). The hearing will determine: (1) if the proposed permit should/should not be issued as final; and (2) if it is finalized, which, if any, of its conditions should be changed prior to issuance.

**Who can request:** A person (or a group that 25 or more members who are Oklahoma residents) who claims to hold a demonstrable environmental interest and who alleges that the construction or operation of the proposed facility or activity would directly and adversely affect such interest.

**Requesters' rules:** Each requester must participate in the hearing as a party, present testimony and evidence and cross-examine witnesses about the testimony and evidence presented by the applicant's attorney. An individual may represent himself or be represented by an attorney.

**Deadline for request:** Must be received by the DEQ within 20 days after the date this notice is published.

**How to request:** Submit a request, in writing, to the Administrative Hearing Clerk, Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 1677, Oklahoma City, OK 73101-1677, (FAX 405-702-7101).

**For more information on hearing procedures:** See Title 27A of the Oklahoma Statutes, Section 2-14-304 and Oklahoma Administrative Code, Title 252, Chapter 4, Rules of Practice and Procedure of the DEQ, Subchapter 9. Contact:

**Where proposed permit, draft permit and application may be reviewed:** Harrah City Hall, 19625 NE 23rd St, Harrah, OK 73045, during normal working hours; or to request a copy of the application and draft permit, please contact the applicant at the contact information provided below. Copies are also available on the DEQ website at: <https://www.deq.ok.gov/land-protection-division/permit-public-participation-process/>.

**For more information on proposed permit, contact:** The applicant, Joseph Wignarajah, at P.O. Box 1833, Tulsa, OK 74101, or by phone at (405) 309-7693, or the DEQ, Hillary Young, P.E., Chief Engineer, DEQ, Land Protection Division, P.O. Box 1677, Oklahoma City, OK 73101-1677; Hillary.Young@deq.ok.gov; (405) 702- 5100; Fax No. (405) 702-5101.

**\*Legal Description of Site:** The legal location is described as Lot 3 of Block 2 of the HARRAH INDUSTRIAL PARK, as shown by the final plat thereof, being a part of Section 1, Township 11 North, Range 1 East of the I.M., Oklahoma County, Oklahoma (approximately 5 acres).